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VIA EMAIL ONLY

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Sam Abdellatif
Land and Redevelopment Programs Branch
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
290 Broadway, 25th. Floor
New York, NY 10007-1866

RE: Approval Letter: Summary of Tankfield 3 Incident & Response (June 2, 2022)
Amerada Hess Corp- Former Port Reading Refinery
750 Cliff Road
Woodbridge Twp, Middlesex County
Program Interest #: 006148, EPA ID #: NJD045445483

Dear Mr. Abdellatif,

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has completed a review of the Summary of Tankfield 3 (June 2, 2022) Incident & Response, dated October 11, 2022. The document was submitted pursuant to the Site Remediation Reform Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10C-1 et seq.), the Administrative Requirements for the Remediation of Contaminated Sites (N.J.A.C. 7:26C), and the NJDEP Technical Requirements for Site Remediation at N.J.A.C. 7:26E. The Department has determined that the report is in compliance with the Technical Requirements for Site Remediation, N.J.A.C. 7:26E and other applicable requirements. The Department hereby approves the document, with the below comment, effective the date of this letter.

Buckeye observed liquid-phase hydrocarbon (LPH) in the vicinity of tank 1217 in Tankfield 3, which is Hess Area of Concern (AOC) 54. Hess collected samples for analysis and found it to be similar to Fuel Oil #2/Diesel Fuel. Sorbent booms and absorbent pads were deployed. Furthermore, the groundwater monitoring wells in the vicinity were gauged for product; No product was observed.

Stone within Tankfield 3 was impacted by the contamination. Earth Systems excavated approximately 1.24 tons of visually impacted stone and backfilled the area with clean stone. Although, the source of the release is suspected to be a surficial release, this AOC will be investigated further in future remediation investigation activities.

AOC 54, Tankfield 3, is currently undergoing “at risk” remedial investigation work. A final Remedial Investigation Report will be submitted to the Department after delineation is complete, which will include the affected area within the report. Although a Remedial Investigation Workplan was submitted to the Department on May 10, 2021, the document was retracted due to the decision to complete “at risk” work and was not reviewed by the Department.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, contact Julia Galayda, case manager, at Julia.Galayda@dep.nj.gov.

Sincerely,



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